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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GREEN ET AL.

Examiner

Patrick D. Niland

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/03, 1/04, 5/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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1. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

A. The instant claims recite “non-polymeric”. However, the compounds of the instant claims and the specification appear to encompass “polymeric” compounds. See claims 4-7. It is therefore unclear what is intended by “non-polymeric” and what the scope of “non-polymeric” is, e.g. what the number of repeating groups is that separates “non-polymeric” from “polymeric”.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-3 and 7-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Pat. Application Publication No. 2002/0155278 Boisseau et al..

Boisseau discloses coating compositions and coating methods falling within the scope of the instant claims at the abstract; sections [0019], [0022], [0026] which falls within the scope of the instant claims 12 and 14, [0038]-[0043] which falls within the scope of the instant claims 9-10, [0048] of which the oligomeric film formers fall within the scope of the instant claims as they are not polymeric since they are oligomeric and they can be further polymerized and are

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thus monomers, [0050] which falls within the scope of the instant claim 2, [0098], [0099], [0105] which falls within the scope of the instant claim 15; and the remainder of the document.

5. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Pat. Application Publication No. 2002/0155278 Boisseau et al. in view of US Pat. Nol. 5872195 Green et al. and US Pat. No. 5756213 Ohrbom et al.:

Boisseau discloses coating compositions and coating methods falling within the scope of the instant claims at the abstract; sections [0019], [0022], [0026] which falls within the scope of the instant claims 12 and 14, [0038]-[0043] which falls within the scope of the instant claims 9-10, [0048] of which the oligomeric film formers fall within the scope of the instant claims as they are not polymeric since they are oligomeric and they can be further polymerized and are thus monomers, [0050] which falls within the scope of the instant claim 2, [0098], [0099], [0105] which falls within the scope of the instant claim 15; and the remainder of the document.


It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the instant invention to use the instantly claimed monomers of claims 4-6 as the film forming agent of Boisseau because Boisseau encompasses such film formers at sections [0048] through [0098] and Ohrbom, columns 2 through 8, which falls within the scope of the instant claims 5-6 and the ordinary skilled artisan would have expected the benefits of these film formers as taught by Green (abstract) of which compound c falls within the scope of the instant claim 4, combined with the benefits of the urea compounds of Boisseau.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patrick D. Niland whose telephone number is 571-272-1121. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 10 to 5.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan, can be reached on 571-272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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